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why don't we just say it. The county judges and district judges talked to each other before they came to the Legislature, and they negotiate with each other as to what they will or will not endorse for each other. And there is some kind of professional (laugh) rivalry, consideration, professionalism, whatever at work. If you take the judges pay raise bill and you make this bill even more top-heavy for the future, you risk veto in the whole area of judicial salaries. And the judges are very concerned about that, so they negotiate with each other. The Brashear-Chambers bill in 839 has both the support of the county judges and the district judges. The Beutler amendment apparently trips that prenegotiated agreement. Are we bound by that? Absolutely not. We're not bound by that. We are totally free agents, we can do any darn thing we want. But I got to tell you, it's relevant to me that the support that goes into 839 is jeopardized by this amendment, so I'm going to vote against this amendment. And I got to tell you, then I got to scratch my head and decide whether I want to vote for 839, because I'm not sure I'm going to vote for that bill. But I will tell you this, both sides, both the county judges and the district judges will tell you, their associations, that they support 839 and they don't support the Beutler amendment. And I think Senator Beutler is going to hop up in a minute and say, so? We're the Legislature, this is our job to decide. And he's exactly right. On the other hand, I think we might run veto problems into this and endanger some of the aspects of judicial pay raises if we don't defeat the Beutler amendment, leave them where they are, and then make our own decision on 839 as to whether we support it or not. I think that's the big issue--do we support that movement or not? And not create for the parties that have come to us with 839 with problems that rend them apart. I think what we owe the parties who have brought us 839 is our decision whether or not we agree with it or not. I got to tell you I'm going to scratch my head and listen some more. I'm going to vote no on the Beutler amendment, and then I'm going to think about 839. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Landis. Chair recognizes Senator Beutler, followed by Brashear, Kristensen, and Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just in support, I wanted to make a quick